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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of **Daniel B. DRACHMAN**

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Group Art Unit: 1633

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Examiner: E. Sorbello

For: TARGETING ANTIGEN-  
SPECIFIC CELLS FOR SPECIFIC  
IMMUNOTHERAPY OF  
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER  
37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This amendment and request for reconsideration responds to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2000. Please charge our deposit account no. 19-0733 the fee for a two-month extension of time. Accordingly, a response is now due April 6, 2001.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--All or a part of the coding sequence for acetylcholine receptor is transduced or transfected into the APCs. This can be accomplished by any technique known in the art, including using viral vectors or plasmid vectors. The extracellular portion of the  $\alpha$ -subunit (comprising amino acids 1-210) is believed to comprise the epitopes to which most AChR-specific T cells respond. Thus this portion is believed to be sufficient as the presented antigen for the antigen presenting cells. Moreover, it is believed that proper